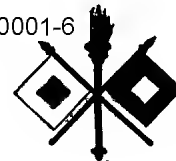


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1. CYPRUS:

A. MINOR INCIDENTS ARE STILL OCCURRING ALL OVER THE ISLAND. AS SOON AS ONE IS EXTINGUISHED, ANOTHER LIGHTS UP.

B. HIGH COMMISSIONER PICKARD SAYS THE BRITISH ARE HAVING A "HELL OF A TIME" KEEPING THE LID ON. THEIR TROOPS WERE FIRED UPON FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY BY GREEK CYPRIOTS.

C. THE UK SEEMS TEMPORARILY TO HAVE REPLACED THE US AS THE CHIEF WHIPPING BOY OF THE CYPRIOT PRESS.

D. WHETHER THIS IS JUST PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH TO MAKE THEM MORE AMENABLE TO MAKARIOS' POSITION, OR WHETHER IT IS THE START OF A CAMPAIGN FOR THE REMOVAL OF BRITISH BASES, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

E. THE EMBASSY HAD A REPORT YESTERDAY FROM A GOOD SOURCE THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE WORKING IN GREAT SECRECY ON A PAPER ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IF THE UK WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP THE BASES.

F. IN ANY EVENT, AMBASSADOR WILKINS NOTES THAT CONTINUATION OF THE CRISIS IS BOUND TO LEAD TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FOR GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ALIKE AND MAY CAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO TURN TO THE SOVIET BLOC FOR HELP.

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2. GREECE:

A. EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTS THE NEW CABINET TO BE A MODERATE ONE.

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B. PAPANDREOU HAS ALLAYED SUSPICION THAT HE WOULD APPOINT EXTREMISTS TO KEY POSITIONS. IN SO DOING HE MAY HAVE MOLLIFIED THE CONCERN OF THE ARMY AND PALACE OVER HIS DECISIVE VICTORY.

C. WITH KING PAUL OUT OF ACTION, PAPANDREOU'S RELATIONS WITH THE PALACE MAY BE ANOTHER STORY. THERE IS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN HIM AND THE QUEEN.

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3. GREECE-TURKEY:

A. EMBASSY ATHENS THINKS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT THE NEW PREMIER PLANS TO DISCUSS CYPRUS WITH MAKARIOS' RIVAL GENERAL GRIVAS. PAPANDREOU MAY BE TRYING TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO CALM DOWN THE GREEK EXTREMISTS ON THE ISLAND.

B. NOTHING CONCRETE HAS EMERGED FROM THE RUMORS OF A "SUMMIT MEETING" BETWEEN PAPANDREOU AND INONU.

C. THE FEELING IN ANKARA SEEMS TO BE THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF PREPARATION IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

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D. THERE WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE INONU TODAY. THE MOTIVATION IS SO FAR UNKNOWN.

4. PANAMA:

A. CINCSOUTH HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE FAST DEVELOPING COMMUNIST POTENTIAL IN PANAMA.

B. HE REPORTS THAT, WHILE THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT ARMS OR MONEY TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEY HAVE ADOPTED A COURSE OF ACTION WHICH COULD QUICKLY CORRECT THE ORGANIZATIONAL WEAKNESSES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED THEM IN THE PAST.

C. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RECOVERY OF SOVEREIGNTY AND HAVE BEGUN TO ESTABLISH SUB-COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

D. THEIR TASK HAS BEEN MADE EASIER BY THE FACT THAT ALMOST EVERY NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION OUTLET HAS A COMMUNIST OR LEFTIST NATIONALIST ON ITS STAFF.

E. CINCSOUTH CONCLUDES THAT THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO BUILD AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BRING OFF A COUP BY A COMMUNIST INFILTRATED AND CONTROLLED GROUP IS SHORTER THAN PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED.

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5. COSTA RICA - PANAMA:

A. [REDACTED] CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNISTS MET IN COSTA RICA [REDACTED] TO PLAN FURTHER ACTIVITIES AGAINST US POLICY IN PANAMA.

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B. [REDACTED]

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OF SABOTAGE THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO BURN US EMBASSIES AND BUSINESS FIRMS AND TO KIDNAP IMPORTANT AMERICANS.

C. PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICA ARE SUPPOSED TO GET UNDERWAY [REDACTED]

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6. LAOS:

A. NEW FRICTIONS ARE REPORTED AMONG THE NEUTRALIST LEADERS.

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B. PREMIER SOUVANNA IS BACKING A PLAN OF GENERAL AMKHA, THE CHIEF OF HIS MILITARY CABINET, TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED HEADQUARTERS TO COORDINATE RIGHTIST, MEO AND NEUTRALIST FORCES IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES.

C. NEUTRALIST COMMANDER KONG LE SEES THE NEED FOR A COORDINATED OPERATIONAL COMMAND BUT FEARS AMKHA IS OUT TO GET HIM REMOVED FROM LEADERSHIP OF THE NEUTRALIST FORCES.

D. KONG LE, WHO THINKS AMKHA'S PLAN IS FRENCH INSPIRED, IS GOING TO SET UP A JOINT BASE WEST OF THE PLAINE WITH MEO COMMANDER VANG PAO.

E. THIS SORT OF MANEUVERING IS NOT GOING TO HELP MUCH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PATHET LAO.

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7. CONGO:

A. THE ANTI-ADOULA COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION BASED IN BRAZZAVILLE, HAS ESTABLISHED A BRANCH COMMITTEE IN BURUNDI TO FOMENT DISORDERS IN THE EASTERN CONGO, PARTICULARLY IN THE KIVU AREA.

B. [REDACTED] PAMPHLETS DESIGNED TO INCITE MUTINY ARE CIRCULATING IN ARMY CAMPS THERE.

C. THE COMMITTEE HAS YET TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CAPABILITIES, BUT IF IT COULD WHIP UP AN UPRISING IN THE TURBULENT KUVU AREA THE CONGOLESE ARMY WOULD BE SPREAD PRETTY THIN.

D. THE ARMY IS CURRENTLY BEING USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO QUELL THE REBELLION IN THE KWILU REGION OF WESTERN CONGO.

8. NOTES:

A. ZANZABAR: AMBASSADOR LEONHART, WHO FOUND KARUME MORE ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT THAN HE EXPECTED HIM TO BE, WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING HIM TO RECONSIDER PETTERSON'S OUSTER. KARUME CLAIMED HIS PEOPLE WERE AGITATED OVER THE FAILURE OF THE US AND UK TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW REGIME. "SOME PEOPLE HAVE GUNS, SOME HAVE SPEARS. THEY HAVE CONFLICTING VIEWS. WHICH GROUP SHOULD I TURN TO?"

B. SOMALIA: THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO IS STILL BROADCASTING CHARGES THAT THE US AND UK ARE GIVING MILITARY SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA IN ITS BORDER WARFARE WITH SOMALIA. THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE BEGINNING TO SINK IN ON PUBLIC OPINION. OUR AMBASSADOR REPORTS HIS SERIOUS CONCERN WITH THIS TREND, WHICH IF UNCHECKED, COULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO A BREAK IN SOMALI-US RELATIONS.

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C. MALAYSIA: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK HAS TOLD THE BRITISH THAT THE WHOLE CABINET IS UP IN ARMS OVER INDONESIA'S PLAN TO RESUPPLY ITS GUERRILLA FORCES BY AIR. THE CABINET INSISTS THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS AND HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED THE BRITISH TO SHOOT DOWN ANY INDONESIAN AIRCRAFT THAT ENTERS MALAYSIAN TERRITORY.

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D. VIETNAM:

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E. AUSTRIA: CHANCELLOR GORBACH MAY RESIGN NEXT WEEK, THE LOSER IN AN INTER-PARTY STRUGGLE WITH JOSEPH KLAUS, WHO REPLACED HIM AS PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN LAST SEPTEMBER. KLAUS WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A NEW COALITION AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIALISTS, WHO HAVE BEEN PARTNERS WITH THE PEOPLE'S PARTY IN GOVERNMENT FOR 18 YEARS. HE HAS BEEN ACCUSING GORBACH OF BEING OVERLY SOLICITOUS OF SOCIALIST PARTY VIEWS.

F. IRAN:

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